

Preliminary Amendment

USSN 08/660,461

REMARKS***Introduction***

This amendment is made after a meeting with the Examiner on September 5, 1996. The applicants, assignee and attorney of record thank the Examiner for his time and effort. This meeting particularly helped all concerned to focus on the inventive aspects claimed in this application.

At this meeting the Examiner indicated that a prior art reference, which teaches combining a first, second and third video image into a mosaic, implied that the first and second images were first combined and then a third image combined with the combination. This interpretation could have bearing on the patentability of claims 2 and 21.

Although Applicants disagreed (and still disagree) with this interpretation, the claims of this application have been amended to expedite allowance of this application. Specifically, claims 2 and 21 have been amended to indicate that combining images one and two into a mosaic is separate from combining the mosaic with a third image to form the composite mosaic.

Furthermore, the Examiner did not produce any references that adversely impacted the patentability of independent claims 9 and 24.

All the other claims are dependent claims and would be allowable if the independent claims are allowable.


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A clean copy of the claims is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of these claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience. Should the Examiner believe a further conference will expedite the allowance of this application, contact with the undersigned is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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(ii) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached for accounting purposes.

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